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	in the former Dachsberg Kaserne in Sagan (0 52/B 26), 3 kilometers 25X1 northwest of the center of the city on the north side of the Sorau (0 52/B 16) road. The quartering rooms in the installation were occupied above capacity. On an average, 20 soldiers were accommodated in a 36-qm room. The regiment25X1 was subordinate to the 11th Mecz Div whose headquarters was also located in Sagan. 25X1
2.	The 29th Mecz Regt was organized into three infantry battalions, a tank battalion, an artillery battalion, an engineer ampany. a signal company, a reconnaissance platoon. a motor transport company
	The 1st and 2d Inf Bns were organized into three infantry companies each. Each company numbered 100 to 120 men. The strength figures of the companies were subjected to substantial variations as recruits were assigned at an unequal rate. The 3d Bn which was a cadre unit was organized into two small infantry companies and a heavy weapons company. The battalion trained the NCO candidates. About 50 percent of the soldiers of each company were NCO candidates. The tank battalion, the strength of which averaged 250 men, was organized into three companies each of which had 7 T-34/85 tanks. The artillery battalion of the regiment was organized into a mortar battery of 6 or 8 x 120-mm mortars, an AT company of 6 x 57-mm guns, and a battery of 6 heavier guns of an unknown model. The engineer company which numbered en estimated over 100 enlisted men had 12 half-pontoons which were loaded onto A trucks, an undetermined number of pneumatic boats, and one or two motor boats. The recommaissance platcon was subordinate for discipline and siministration to the signal company which numbered about 60 men. The
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4. In the fall of 1951, most soldiers of the regiment belonged to the 1930 and 1931 classes. In the spring and fall of 1952, recruits of the 1932 class and deferred members of older classes were assigned to the regiment. About 70 percent of the soldiers of the regiment came from the areas of Lodz (0, 52/0 93), Pabianice, Zdunska Wola (0, 52/0 52) and Sieradz (0, 52/6 42) and the formerly Polish section of Honer Silesia. The units sporadically included German soldiers.

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7.	In 1952, the tank battalion of the regiment received three new tanks	
•	which had just been manufactured in Laband (Q 51/Y 38). Most tanks	
	of the battalion were manufactured after the war. Some tanks from	
	World War II were also still available. Each infantry company of the	
	regiment was equipped with four Maxim heavy machine guns, 4 to 6 air-cooled	
	light machine guns with disk magazines, and four 82-mm mortars.	
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8.	In the summer of 1952, the headquarters of the 11th Mecz Div was located	
[in the eastern wing of the former Artillerie Kaserne in Sagan.	25X1
	The division was commanded by the Soviet Colonel Jerczow	
Į	(fnu) who were only Polish uniforms. It was subordinate to a corps	
	headquarters in Breslau (P 52/C 41). The commanding general of this corps	0.51/4
	was a Soviet general wearing a Polish uniform	25 X 1
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-	The area of the 11th Mecz Div included the stations of Sagan and Sorau.	
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9.	Units other than the 29th Mecz Inf Regt which were located in the former	
, ,	Dachsberg Kaserne included the 18th Mecz Inf Regt, the 22d Medium Tk	
	Regt, a heavy tank tegiment or a tank SP regiment, a tank	25X
	instruction battalion and a unit code which possibly belonged to	25X
. •	one of the abovementioned units. The 22d Medium Tank Regt was equipped	
	with T-34/85 tanks. The designation of this unit appeared on	25X
	motor-vehicle repair slips as the tanks of the 29th Mecz Inf Regt and	
	such motor vehicles of this regiment which were subjected to major	
	repairs were taken to the tank repair shop of the medium tank regiment.	•
	The armored vehicles of the heavy tank regiment were not definitely	
	identified as tanks and also included SU-122 SP guns. The regiment	
	activated in the fall of 1951. At that time, the regiment numbered 600	•
	to 700 soldiers. An undetermined number of T-34/85 tanks was also still	
	observed at this unit.6	
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	at Soral. Another mechanized interity regiment was possibly also stationed	•
	there. Other units of the division were known only indefinitely. Units of the artillery regiment and the AAA regiment also trained at the station	
	training ground in Sagan. The hospital for the station of Sagan was also	
	located in Sorau.	
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	Sagan included an AAA school and a motor transport school of the Polish	
	Army, soldiers of which wore red cap bands and were not subordinate to the	
	11th Mecz Div. ZIS-150 trucks which towed 37-mm AA guns on four-wheeled	
	gun carriages were observed at this installation. No other units were	
	located there.	
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12.	In the summer of 1953, the 11th Mecz Div went to the Biedrusko (P 53/X 27)	20/
	troop training grounds.	. 25X
	In 1952, the division was not sent to the training grounds.	25X
	Returning from the training grounds in 1953,	25X
	they finally participated in a 10-day maneuver at corps level which	25X
	also involved air force units. For practices in the vicinity of their	
	station. the troops stationed at Sagan used a training ground just northwes	it
	of the former Dachsberg Kaserne. Tank units were only occasionally observed	L
	practicing at this site.9	
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13.	The ammunition depots for the troops quartered in the former Dachsberg Kaserne were located in the wooded area about 800 to 1,000 meters northwest or westnorthwest of the installation. Another ammunition depot which was still under construction in October 1953 and was to be turned over to the tank troops was located about 600 meters west of the installation and south of the Sorau road. All incoming shipments of ammunition arrived at the installation on the railroad spur which led to the site, and were later trucked to the ammunition depots.	
14.	a football match which involved the team of the llth Mecz Div and a Soviet team of the Meuhammer (0 52/B 34) station. On the occasion of this match which was held in Neuhammer, a Soviet one-star general was observed chatting with the commander of the llth Mecz Div who was apparently sa good friend of his. The athletic field to which the Polish team was guided through the cordon was located about 300 meters east of Neuhammer. From the athletic field, dependents of Soviet officers and NCOs were observed in the area of the town. An undetermined number of tanks was observed travelling in the sandy hilly terrain adjacent to the athletic field. Numerous modern trucks were also observed. The Polish team left immediately after the match. The Strans (0 52/B 44) troop training ground was unknown. Components units of the 11th Mecz Div were never rotated to a troop training grounds so designated.	25X1
15.	In February 1954, the only barracks installation in Sieradz (Q 52/0 42) which was located northwest of the city quartered a Polish signal officer school and a special-carreer NCO school. As against its layout during World War II the installation covered double the area. Officer candidates who wore dark trousers with wide red stripes were frequently observed in the streets of Sieradz. Officer candidates and soldiers quartered in this installation wore red cap bands. No recruiting district headquarters (WKR) was stationed at Sieradz. All recruiting affairs were handled by the Pabianice WKR. Prior to the spring of 1954, no military installation were located in Zdunska Wola. 10	25X1 25X1
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2.	Comment. The present report contains valuable details on the organization and equipment of this Polish mechanized regiment.	25X1
3.	Comment. The officers whose names are mentioned in the present report are unknown.	25X1
4•	Comment. The dates of induction of the the classes mentioned in the present report agree with previous information.	25X1
5•	Comment. The headquarters of the 11th Mecz Div which is commanded by Colonel Jerczow (fnu), and its subordination to the II Mecz Corps in Berlin are known and again confirmed by the present report.	25X1
6.	Comment. Even when considered as a large installation, the Dachsberg Kaserne is not likely to quarter another mechanized regiment, 2 tank regiments 1 tank instruction battalion and possibly, unit in addition to the 29th Mecz Regt which is allegedly located there. The medium tank regiment and the heavy tank SP regiment of the 11th Mecz Div have not yet been identified definitely. The 22d Medium Tank Regt, is reported for the first time. It is undetermined whether or not this unit belongs to the 11th Mecz Div and whether or not the heavy tank SP regiment of this division is also stationed at Sagan. An 18th Mecz Regt is unknown. Previous information indicated that the 18th Rifle Regt is stationed at Wadowice and subordinate to the 6th Rifle Div in Cracew.	25X1 25X1 25X1

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7.	Comment. The artillery regiment and the AAA regiment of the 11th Mecz Div in Sorau are known and are again confirmed by the present report.	25 X
8.	Comment. The two schools which are mentioned in the present report are unknown.	25X
9.	Comment. It is known that, for the summer months, the II Mecz Corps is rotated to the Biedrusko troop training grounds. In the summer of 1955, troops of the II Mecz Corps have again gone to this training grounds.	25X′
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